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This is in response to the Official action of September 27, 2004, and is being filed in order to ensure that there is no question that the requirement for recordation of the substance of an interview is fulfilled, and that there is no question about whether or not the applicant properly replied to the Office action of September 27, 2004.

A written amendment was filed by facsimile on September 22, 2004 and acknowledged by "auto-reply." The amendment, a copy of which is attached, is incorporated by reference, and the remarks therein are believed to fulfill the requirement for recordation.

Briefly, Examiner Trieu initiated the interview on September 21, bringing to the attention of the applicant's attorney the fact that claims 13 and 22 utilized the abbreviation ASIC, which was not defined in the specification. The claims were amended,

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the definition of ASIC incorporated into the specification, and the applicable law on the issue of new matter was cited.

In the interview:

- (a) No exhibits were discussed
- (b) Claims 13 and 22 were discussed.
- (c) No prior art was discussed.
- (d) The amendments are as shown in the attached copy of the faxed amendment.
- (e) The arguments were that ASIC is a well-established abbreviation, known in the art before the filing of the applicant's application, and that the original claims constitute part of the disclosure so that the amendment to the specification does not introduce new matter.
 - (f) No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- (g) It is understood that an agreement has been reached and that the amendment filed by fax on September 22 will place the application in condition for allowance.
 - (h) There was no interview by electronic mail.

Respectfully submitted,

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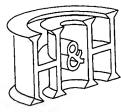
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed pursuant to telephone interviews on September 21 and 22, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims are in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.

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